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PANTS FACTORY BURNED

Stubborn Fire Calls Department to Gazette Building Saturday Night—Several Thousand Dollars Damage.

Fire was discovered in the pants factory, operated by Harry S. Marine on the second floor of the Alexandria Gazette building, at about nine o'clock Saturday night. The fire department quickly responded to the alarm, but owing to the lack of proper ladders were somewhat delayed in getting streams of water turned on. Doors to the building were finally broken open and after about an hour of hard work the flames were extinguished, but not until the place had been absolutely deluged with water which ran down to the first floor, occupied by the Gazette.

The water came down the stairway in torrents, percolated through the ceiling and flooded that part of the building. The large newspaper press, used in printing the Gazette, the two linotype machines, rolls of paper and everything else in the office which could not be protected in time, was thoroughly soaked with water. Ho's had to be cut in the floor to let the water out. With the kind and prompt assistance of citizens, tarpaulins were secured and everything possible was done to save the property. The building and machinery and stock are insured. Just what the loss will be to the building or to the Gazette cannot be stated at this time, until the insurance adjusters have completed their investigation. A force of men were put to work yesterday morning and were engaged practically all day Sunday in clearing up the building so that the publication of the Gazette might not be interfered with, although this issue will be gotten out under difficulties.

Loss on Second Floor.

Mr. Marine's loss, in the pants factory on the second floor, will be practically a total one, it is thought, as nearly all the stock of goods on hand, material from which boys' pants are manufactured, was destroyed or damaged by water or smoke. Thirty sewing machines, used in the place, were also more or less damaged, as well as a quantity of goods that had been made up.

Mr. Marine and parties interested with him in the business, carried an insurance of \$4,000 on stock and \$2,500 on machinery, so that it is believed they will be protected.

Origin of the Fire.

There was no one in the building at the time of the fire. The pants factory had been closed down on Saturday for a half holiday, and it is said that Mr. Marine went to Washington at two o'clock in the afternoon. He did not return until about half-past eleven that night. He said that everything in the factory had been left as usual when work was shut down, and says he has no idea as to how the fire could have originated.

The firemen say the fire appeared to have been the hottest near where a box of waste cuttings stood a short distance from the stairs.

Some twenty or more women and girls have been employed there since the factory was opened last fall, and it is claimed that the concern was building up a good business.

The fire attracted thousands of people to the street in the vicinity while it was in progress. Edward Howell, captain of the Truck Company, received a bad cut on his hand and a soldier was also cut by glass from one of the windows. About 25 pigeons that had a home on the third floor were killed by the heat and smoke.

Thanks for Assistance Rendered.

The editor of the Gazette herewith desires to express his sincere appreciation to the firemen for the efficient manner in which they worked at the fire, notwithstanding the fact that they were greatly hindered for want of proper ladders, with which to get to the second story windows, and the dense, suffocating smoke through which they were compelled to fight their way. They did highly creditable work—every man of them.

Thanks are also extended to Messrs. Robert L. Payne, Harry A. Hammond, John G. Graham, and others who assisted in securing tarpaulins with which to cover and protect the large newspaper press, lin-

ALMOST A RIOT IN TOWN

Soldiers and Colored Men Engage in Street Fight—Trouble Settled by Police and Company G.

An incident occurred in Alexandria last night which, but for the prompt and energetic action of the police, assisted by Captain Conrad Johnson of Company G, First Regiment of Virginia, who called out thirty of his men, might easily have developed into a riot.

About ten o'clock Arthur Bennett, a soldier from St. Asaph camp, became mixed up in an argument with a colored man named Theodore Lloyd, on Queen street. It is said the colored man claimed the soldier ran against him while passing on the side walk. Words followed and in the melee which ensued it is said the colored man threw a brick or stone hitting the soldier in the side and fracturing his ribs, and the colored man was also roughly treated by the soldier's companions and was later arrested by Officer Munday.

A company of soldiers, estimated at from 150 to 500, quickly gathered and proposed to take the negro away from the officer. Sergeant Scott appeared on the scene and the colored man was finally taken to the station house. Here another big crowd congregated. In the meantime it is reported that the soldier, Bennett, was conveyed by automobile to St. Asaph.

Lloyd, in his defense, said that four soldiers jostled him. Bennett being one, and that he threw the brick in self defense.

Later on a report came into police headquarters that a crowd of soldiers had gathered on King street near Washington street, and that they were looking for colored men. The police called Captain Conrad Johnson on the telephone. He took thirty of his men from the armory, armed with guns, and on arriving at the scene ordered the soldiers to leave town at once and go to their camp. He also visited other parts of the city where soldiers were said to be, and gave them similar advice, which they promptly obeyed. Some question was raised as to Captain Johnson's authority, but reference to the law plainly shows that he was strictly within his rights and that he is entitled to the thanks of Alexandria's citizens for the assistance he rendered.

The case was called before Police Justice Caton this morning, but as there was no one who appeared against the negro, it was continued.

For a time last night it looked much like a race riot, but the prompt action taken as above stated happily prevented what otherwise might have proved to be much more serious.

Various rumors are afloat as to the real cause of the disturbance some say Bennett, the soldier, was at fault while others claim he was not. However the case may be, it is to be hoped that similar trouble will not be repeated here.

Angry because of the injuries sustained by their comrade, the soldiers in groups, are said to have started out looking for colored men generally. Wade Nelson and James Lucas, and another, all young colored men, were caught and beaten up more or less, it is said. One was found at the corner of Queen and Royal, a second at the corner of Pitt and King and the third on King street

types and rolls of paper kept in stock, also to Monroe and Marbury and H. B. Steiner for use of their offices in which to place the books, files, typewriters and other things which were carried out of the Gazette building while the fire was under way. For various other courtesies and assistance extended by others whose names are not known, we sincerely thank one and all.

Edwin Bradley Hard.

Masonic Notice.

There will be a called communication of Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday evening, August 14, at 7:30 for work. By order Worshipful Master.

J. E. ALEXANDER, Secy.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

Richard M. Green, jr., spent the past week end as the guest of friends in Roanoke.

Mrs. Peter Young of this city is quite ill at the Washington hospital in Takoma Park.

Company C of the Alexandria Home Guards will meet at the armory this evening at 8 o'clock for drill. Every member is requested to be present.

Edward S. Fawcett, of New York, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Edward S. Fawcett, on Prince street.

A civil service examination will be held in this city on Saturday next for the position of watchman at the Arlington National cemetery. The position pays \$600 per year.

The regular monthly meeting of the Alexandria chapter of the American Red Cross was held this morning at ten o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Langley, who reside at 330 north St. Asaph street, celebrated their golden wedding Saturday evening. There were present eight children, twenty-seven grand children, and two great grandchildren.

New uniforms were issued to members of the Alexandria Light Infantry at the armory today. The "rookies" had recently been measured for the same and had been awaiting their arrival from the quartermaster department for some. The company is awaiting their supply of shoes at present and a consignment of guns and other equipment from Watervliet, N. Y.

The last of a series of fortnightly subscription dances which the ladies' auxiliary of the Old Dominion Boat Club has been giving at the boat club at the foot of Duke street, was held Saturday evening and was a highly successful affair. Numbers of the newly commissioned men from Fort Myer were present and the orchestra, according to custom, wound up the dance with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

A company of New York infantry, it is understood, is to occupy the camp near the Union station just vacated by Company D, Fifth Maryland infantry, which has been encamped for the past several weeks there. The Maryland troopers, who have been entertained royally by different organizations during their stay in this city, departed early yesterday morning for Baltimore, where they will make a junction for Camp McClellan, Annapolis, Ala.

News has been received in this city of the death of R. C. Gwynn, brother of Mrs. George A. Mushbach, of this city, which occurred yesterday afternoon about two o'clock at his home in Bridgeville, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Mrs. Mushbach was visiting her brother at the time. The deceased is well known in this city and resided for a long time in Washington. He was nearly sixty years old. Surviving him are four children: Dr. W. C. Gwynn, of Georgetown, D. C.; Mrs. Johnson Hellen, of Garrett Park, Md.; R. C. Gwynn, Jr., of Denver, Colorado; and Harry Gwynn, of Pittsburgh.

near Washington. In these actions it is believed the soldiers were plainly to blame.

War Department to Act.

Washington, Aug. 12.—It was intimated at the War Department today that special effort will be made to prevent further clashes between federal soldiers and civil authorities, such as occurred in Alexandria yesterday, and that if it becomes necessary soldiers will be restricted to the limits of their camps.

Investigation will be made of the Alexandria affair, and if it is found that the soldiers made an unprovoked attack on some of the colored residents of that town it is declared they will be severely disciplined.

Republican Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the Republicans of Alexandria will be held at the Hotel Rammel, August 23d, at 8 p. m., to elect delegates to the Roanoke convention August 30, 1917. JOHN U. SCHWARZMANN, President.

The August term of the Corporation Court began today. No business, however, was transacted.

Mrs. W. H. Cook and family will leave tomorrow for Millville, N. J., where they will spend some time.

Mrs. A. J. Ross and daughter, Miss Willie Ross, have returned from a visit to Raleigh, N. C.

Charles Kramer, who has been under treatment at the Alexandria Hospital for some time, has left for Bladensburg, Md., for a short stay.

The Allison W. C. T. U., will hold their regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Children's Home. All members are requested to be present as it is an important meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian D. Knight and son, Julian, and daughter, Annie, have gone a touring trip to Pennsylvania and New York states. They also expect to visit Atlantic City before their return home.

Funeral services for Pauline Estel McDonald, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McDonald, who died yesterday at the home of her parents in St. Elmo, Alexandria county, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at her late home.

Dr. Virgil B. Jackson and Dr. Marion Dorset, of Washington, were visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Jackson, on north Columbus street Saturday evening. Dr. Jackson is a practicing physician of Washington, and Dr. Dorset is in charge of the division of biological chemistry in the Department of Agriculture.

Miss Emily H. English, formerly of this city, daughter of the late James A. and Maria Seabury English, died at her home, the residence of her niece, Mrs. Howard Cole, in Leesburg, yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. Funeral services will be held in Leesburg and the interment will be in this city Tuesday afternoon.

Arrangements are being made for the sending of a carload of exhibits on food conservation prepared here by the Department of Agriculture to Cleveland early next month. M. M. Klein, of this city, is custodian of the exhibits which were prepared under the direction of Professor Lamson Scribner, chief of office exhibits of the Department of Agriculture, and which is in charge of Andrew A. Ormsby, assistant chief.

The Journal, of Peoria, Ill., has the following to say concerning H. O. Pattison, of that city, whose wife was Miss Eva Hudson, a former Alexandria girl: "H. O. Pattison, of Peoria, is the first man to leave the Fort Sheridan officers' training camp with a commission. He has been appointed captain in Battery E, of the Third Illinois artillery, and is now in Peoria awaiting orders to report to Springfield. He will command a body of East St. Louis troops. Captain Pattison entered the camp at Fort Sheridan May 13. One week ago he was recommended for a commission in the Illinois federalized troops by the authorities and he reported at once to regimental headquarters in Chicago. He served in Porto Rico and in Cuba during the whole of the Spanish-American war. His recommendation at the hands of the Fort Sheridan officers is a signal honor."

Urge Draft of Labor

Conscription of labor to carry out shipbuilding contracts taken over by the Government is being urged by Pacific coast constructors.

Facing a 25 per cent increase in the cost of labor for building the vessels, the ship yard men declared today that the labor question has another quite as serious aspect as the increased cost. Labor men, they contend, are endeavoring to make arrangements whereby the advantage of the present apparent labor shortage will continue after the war when the labor market probably will be glutted.

Teutons Fight Hard.

Geneva, Aug. 12.—A great battle for possession of Moldavia province, the only part of Roumania that the German allied failed to conquer in their big drive last winter, has developed along a front more than fifty miles long.

Clarence Sale has been spending the past few days in Heathsville.

A marriage license was issued in Washington Saturday to Miss Helen R. Blaka, of this city, and Lieutenant William M. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Clark, who have been visiting Mrs. Clark's parents in Lynchburg, are now guests of friends and relatives in Huntington, W. Va.

The American Indian Guard band will give an open air concert tomorrow, Tuesday evening, at the corner of King and Washington streets, at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Thomas Caton, Mrs. Russell Wolfe, Misses Rose and Mary Penn, Miss Lillian Mills, and Charles Meyers and J. Fred Birrell have returned from an automobile trip to Atlantic City, N. J.

There will be an open air service conducted by Evangelist F. E. Gibson, at Windmill Hill tonight from seven to eight o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend and take their blue song books.

A number of Alexandrians who have recently filed applications for the second reserve officers' training camp which begins at an early date at Fort Myer and the rest of the forts designated by the government as officers' camps have received notices to appear before the examining board of the camp. Six Alexandrians were notified today to appear August 23, as follows: J. Randall Caton, Jr., Hunt Russell, A. Harmon Roberts, Philip C. Crilly, Walter L. Nalls, and C. D. Hubbard. Other Alexandrians will also be called to the camp, it is expected. Announcement of a complete list of men for the second series of camps is to be made shortly by the War Department.

Numbers of Alexandrians are at the Fort Myer training camp this afternoon by invitation of the student officers from this city to see the graduation exercises incident to the awarding of commissions to those students who had been recommended for them following the three months' course of training. Nine Alexandrians, as stated in a story in Saturday's Gazette, were commissioned this afternoon, and also a number of student officers from the county and nearby points. In addition, three other Alexandrians, who had already been commissioned, brings the total of those receiving appointments to the reserve corps and national army from this city up to twelve men.

According to notice which has been running in the Gazette a call has been made for a mass meeting of local Republicans which will be staged in the Hotel Rammel the night of August 23. It is expected that this meeting will be attended by the entire Republican quota of this city. It is stated the meeting is called for the purpose of electing local delegates to the State Republican convention to be held in Roanoke one week later, August 30. At the State convention arrangements will be made for placing a State Republican ticket in the field in the general State election in November, for which the Democrats nominated their ticket in last Tuesday's primary.

ELECTED STATE CHAIRMAN

Former Alexandria Woman Honored With Prominent Position in State of Wyoming.

Mrs. T. S. Taliaferro, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. William Ramsay, of Alexandria, has been honored with the position of State Chairman for that state by the Women's Liberty Loan Committee of National Defense, as the following telegram will show:

Washington, D. C., July 23, 1917.

Mrs. T. S. Taliaferro, Rock Springs, Wyo. Notification goes to you by mail of your election by Women's Liberty Loan Committee of Council of National Defense, as state chairman Liberty Loan in your state. Can you notify us by wire of your acceptance. Women's Liberty Loan Committee, Mrs. W. G. McAador, Chairman.

NEGRO STRUCK BY TRAIN PLAN FLAG RAISING

John Haley Brought to the Alexandria Hospital at a Late Hour Last Night.

Shortly after the excitement incident to fights between negroes and soldiers had subsided last night, the almost constant blowing of the whistle of an electric train a short distance south of this city caused many to suppose that a riot had occurred on the cars and that the crew was sounding alarms for police aid.

The train, which was being backed, finally reached Wilkes and Royal streets, where it crosses the tracks of the Southern Railway, and where a stop is necessarily made. A number of persons in the neighborhood had gathered at the intersection to ascertain the cause of the alarm whistle, when they ascertained that John Haley, a one-armed negro, had been struck by the train in the neighborhood of the Dyke, about three miles south of this city. The train had been stopped, Haley placed aboard and backed to this city. Upon reaching Wolfe street the injured man was taken to the Alexandria Hospital.

Haley had left this city on an early train and disembarked at New Alexandria. He later started south and was near the Dyke when the train which left Alexandria at 10:20 o'clock struck him.

Haley has recently had charge of a milk wagon belonging to a dairyman who resides near this city. His injuries consist of a hole in his head and other bruises on his body. It is expected that he will recover.

LIST OF ABSENT MEN.

Names of Drafted Men Who Failed to Respond and Have Been Notified to Appear.

Of the 306 men who were called for examination last week by the local board for Alexandria city and county, there were 32 who failed to appear. Notices have been sent to them to appear before the board for examination tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Their names are given herewith:

Gordon Hooff, Curtis J. Taylor, William A. Ferguson, William Rollins, George Edward Kimball, Arthur Peeler, Robert Carter, William A. Petty, Carroll Nalls, Richard L. Smith, Charles S. Campbell, Erasmus Shipworth, William C. Turner, John H. Silkey, Frank Brown, William G. Brown, Watoli Filippo, Paul McGriff, Andrew L. Travers, Bernard G. Brock, Earl L. Grove, Walter Blackwell, William S. Lee, Harry C. Manlin, James Johnson, Rae Meredith, Christopher Claxom, Bernard Padgett, Wash Jones, Isaac Phillips, William C. Hall, and A. C. Beavers.

At the Richmond Tonight.

Marguerite Clark will be seen at the Richmond Theater tonight in her latest Paramount picture, "The Amazons." The picture comes direct from the Columbia Theater in Washington. Dressed in boy's dress suit, with gleaming silk hat, or in sweater and bloomers and boxing gloves, the little star is equally at home and charming. One of three daughters of a mother who had always longed for sons, she is brought up as "Lord Tommy," and taught to ride, swim, fence just as a son would have done. There are thrilling adventures, wild rides on horseback, during one of which her horse actually did run away with her, and the thrilling rescue by the "hero," who was passing in an automobile, was not at all "faked."

Notice to Water Consumers

The mains of the Alexandria Water Company will be flushed Monday and Tuesday, August 13 and 14, beginning at 5 a. m. Consumers will please supply themselves with clear water.

GEO. UHLER, Secy.

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Alexandria Council. Order Fraternal Americans, to Present Banners to High School on Labor Day

Plans for a rousing Labor Day flag raising at the Alexandria High school grounds are to be discussed tonight at a meeting of the flag raising committee of Alexandria Council, Order of Fraternal Americans, which will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The council, according to plans long since contemplated, is to present two flags to the high school. One is the flag of the United States and the other, of the State of Virginia. It is planned to raise these flags Labor Day and to render a program of patriotic and interesting exercises in connection with the raising.

James R. Mansfield, secretary of the council, stated this morning that the different fraternal orders of the city had been invited to participate in the exercises, and that each of the orders would co-operate with Alexandria council in making the exercises on Labor Day a success.

Among the different events on the program will be addresses by such well known members of the House as Congressman Thomas J. Hefflin, of Alabama, and Andrew J. Montague, of Virginia, former governor of the State. A number of other features will also be staged.

ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION

Need of an Aerial Truck Ladder Again Shown at Saturday Night's Fire.

That Alexandria's fire department is not properly equipped to successfully fight fires was again demonstrated at the fire in the Gazette building on Saturday night, through the lack of proper ladders.

Had there been an aerial truck ladder, such as the department has been asking for, the firemen say the flames could have been extinguished in one-half the time, and with much less danger to themselves.

The question is very naturally being asked as to how much more property will have to be destroyed before the matter of an aerial truck ladder will be given the attention it demands.

FALLS THROUGH TRESTLE.

Fairfax County Youth Has Narrow Escape at an Early Hour This Morning.

Shortly before seven o'clock this morning a report reached the station house that a man had fallen through the overhead bridge at Spring Park. Officers Gill and Thompson repaired to the scene, and found Alvin Pot-house, about fifteen years old, living near the Old Cameron Distillery, was the victim of the accident. The officers upon examination found that Pot-house had escaped serious injury, and that apart from one or two minor bruises he was intact. The youth is employed at the Potomac railroad yards and was on his way to that place when he fell through the trestle.

President Returns

President Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and their guests returned early today from their week-end trip down the Potomac aboard the Mayflower. Before going to his cabin, the President went to the links for a round of golf.

In Memoriam.

In sad remembrance of our dear wife and mother, SARAH MURPHY, who died one year ago, Aug. 11, 1916.

Sleep on, our loved one, take thy rest; We loved thee, of course, but God loved thee best. He called to you, and His voice was heard, Though to us it was sad when you spoke your last word.

By her husband, James Murphy, and children. 192-11.

Every copy of the Gazette is paid for, either in cash or by service rendered, consequently, there is no free list of "dead heads," and the circulation is of far greater value to the advertiser. If the goods you offer are what they should be, and the price is right, your advertisement ought to bring customers.